Statement

Details of the scheme for funding the installation of TV relay transmitters by State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, Cooperatives, Private Institutions, etc. in uncovered parts of the country

Frequent requests are being received from Members of Parliament and others for setting up TV transmitters in areas where it has not so far been possible to provide TV service. With the completion of VII Plan schemes, TV service will be available to about 70 per cent of the country's population and the coverage is expected to increase to 80 per cent by the end of the VII Plan. With a view to bridging the coverage gap, at least to some extent, it has been decided to invite the State Governmens, Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Private institutions, etc. to come forward for funding installation of TV relay transmitters in their respective uncovered areas, subject to the following conditions:—

(i) the ownership of the TV transmitter will vest in Doordarshan;

(ii) the transmitter will be operated and maintained by Doordarshan; and

(iii) programmes to be transmitted by such transmitters will be decided exclusively by Doordarshan.

The essential capital and non-recurring costs of setting up a low power (100 W) TV relay transmitter (LPT) with a service range of about 25 kms and a (2x10 W) very low power TV relay transmitter (VLPT) with a service range of about 8 kms are estimated to be Rs. 37.05 lakhs and Rs. 31.00 lakhs respectively. at current prices. The VLPTs will be generally unmanned and operated on solar power. If the State Government/Union Territory Administration or any other agency is interested in having TV transmitters set up under this scheme, the necessary payment will have to be made in advance through a bank draft in the name of "Pay & Accounts Officer (TV), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New Delhi" which may be forwarded to the Engineer-in-Chief, Doordarshan, Doordarshan Bhavan, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi. Any escalation in the cost of equipment until completion of installation will also have to be deposited. Further, the State Government/Union Territory Administration or any other funding agency will have to provide to Doordarshan, free of cost. a suitable site, building and, in the case of a 100 W transmitter, also staff quarters for about 9 officials. The recurring expenditure for operation and maintenance of such a transmitter including salary of staff, etc. will, however, be borne by the Central Government (Doordarshan).

Action to instal a transmitter under this scheme will be undertaken by Doordarshan only after receipt of information about the payment of the amount mentioned above. Installation of transmitters under this scheme will also depend on the availability of frequency channels for operation.

Fourth Pay Commission's recommendations in regard to the All India Services

1978. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission in regard to the All India Services with which Government had not agreed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for Government's decision to disagree with the Commission's recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF

FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) The Government have accepted broadly, subject to certain modifications, the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission in respect of the All India Service after careful consideration and having regard to all relevant aspects of the matter.

TV tower at Amarkantak

1979. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 361 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that Amarkantak being the highest available point in the State, which is, so located that a TV tower there would serve the tribal population of four important Districts viz., Shahdol, Bilaspor, Sarguja and Mandla and that it is also a place of immense tourist and religious importance because of being the origin of river Narmada and Sone, Government have received any representation to erect a TV tower there; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Requests for setting up a TV transmitter at Amarkantak with a view to providing TV coverage of surrounding tribal areas have been received by the Government.

(b) Due to constraint of resources, it is not possible to set up a TV transmitter at Amarkantak during the Seventh Plan period. However, on implementation of the schemes included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan for expansion of TV service in Madhya Pradesh, all the tribal districts of the State are expected to be covered by TV wholly or partially.

Statistics of Eastern and North-Eastern Region

1980. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to make a statement showing the rate of growth of farm output, industrial output, population growth during the last five years in the districts comprising the Eastern region and North-Eastern region of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): The requisite data for working out rates of growth of farm output, industrial output, population growth during the last five years in the districts comprising Eastern region and North-Eastern region are not available.

पंजाब में बैंक डकैतियां

1981. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पंजाब में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में डकैतियों/लूटपाट की कितनी घटनाएं हुई हैं ; और

(ख) प्रत्येक लूटपाट/डकैती में कितनी धनराशि अन्तर्ग्रस्त है और इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक कितने व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया जा चुका है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार वर्ष 1984, 1985 और 1986 के दौरान पंजाब स्थित सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों में हुई डकैतियों/लूटपाट की वारदातों और उनमें अन्तर्ग्रस्त रकमों का ब्यौरा अनुबंध में दिया गया है । [देखिए परिशिष्ट 141, अनुपत्र संख्या 84]

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने आगे चलकर यह भी बताया है कि इन बैंक डकैतियों/लूटपाट की वारदातों के संबंध में 19 व्यक्ति गिरफ्तार किए गए हैं ।